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HEY LEO! IT'S CALLED A CHINOOK

DiCaprio mistakes local weather event for global warming

Leonardo DiCaprio was in Calgary shooting The Revenant between February and March. ISTOCK

Helen Pike
Metro | Calgary

Albertans are having a good laugh at the expense of Hollywood stars, and it's because of statements filled with hot ... er, warm air.

On Wednesday, U.S. media reports trickling into Western Canada had locals reeling as it appeared Leonardo DiCaprio mistook a winter chinook for climate change.

A Q&A for the film The Revenant — shot in Calgary — was published on Variety.com with quotes from the star expressing deep concern over the climate change he experience firsthand in Alberta.

"We were in Calgary and the locals were saying, 'This has never happened in our province, ever,'" DiCaprio recalled, in the interview. "We would come and there would be eight feet of snow, and then all of a sudden a warm gust of wind would come."

Many who are familiar with southern Alberta chinooks took to social media to correct the actor's mistake.

"It's terrifying, and it's what people are talking about all over the world. And it's simply just going to get worse," said DiCaprio.

Chinook expert John Yackel said the term actually means "snow eater" in Blackfoot, because when a warm wind rolls in, it's a significant enough temperature change to actually evaporate the white stuff.

"When he was here filming that movie it was in late February, early March," said Yackel, University of Calgary professor and head of the department of geography.

In fact, Yackel wrote his Masters thesis on chinooks. "Just looking at some of the temperature records, Canmore, and southern Alberta in general was experiencing really frequent Chinook activity."

Sledders climb up to safety

REVELSTOKE

Men rescued after stranded, snowmobiles stuck in snow

Lucie Edwardson
Metro | Calgary

Maverick Lauzon said he and his uncle were ready to spend the night on Frisby Ridge near Revelstoke Monday night after getting their snowmobiles stuck in a ravine.

The 23-year-old Calgary man said he and his uncle, Neil Lauzon, were already collecting firewood and building a snow cave. The two had come prepared for anything.

Their group was equipped with avalanche backpacks filled with head lamps, food and warm clothing, satellite phones and radios, but Maverick said he's thankful he didn't have to sleep in the snow.

"My uncle went all the way down into this ravine and we were just waiting to see if he would get out, and he couldn't, so finally I decided to dip in and help him out," he said.

Maverick said once he got down into the ravine he knew they were stuck.

"The snow was chest deep and there was no way we were making it out," he said. "At that time we were thinking we'd have to camp out."

The two men were sledding with another pair who were watching them from above, and were able to use satellite phones to reach Neil's office manager who called the RCMP, and they in turn got a hold of Revelstoke search and rescue.

"Search and rescue said, 'Start hiking boys and we'll get you up top," said Maverick. He said the next two hours were spent on their hands and knees, pulling themselves out of the ravine and up to the trail, where they finally ran into search and rescue who took them back to the Frisby cabin.

Looking back, Maverick said all he could think about was, "This is going to be the longest night of my life," but said he's glad he didn't have to spend a cold night on the mountain.

Maverick said they plan on heading back to assess the situation of their sleds, which remain where they left them. The two said they will likely use a helicopter to help pull their sleds out.

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City weighs options for Olympic Plaza revamp

INFRASTRUCTURE

Revitalization levy would help to fund project, says councillor

Helen Pike
Metro | Calgary

The City of Calgary is considering options to restore Olympic Plaza — the city's living room.

The facelift could be funded with cash from a potential new residential tower.

Plans are in the early stages to add a theatre and tower to the northwest corner of the lot, restore the park's Arts Commons and link it up more gracefully with the Municipal Plaza across the street.

Coun. Druh Farrell said the plaza has been identified by the city as a priority project for restoration and so far, it's one of the most exciting projects she's been a part of.

"It's an extraordinary, city-changing project," said Farrell. "It would be one of the most important civic projects that we could undertake."

Built temporarily for the Olympic medal ceremony, the public space needs a few key upgrades. Farrell said a lot of the plaza is deteriorating. She said there are leaks, deterioration, the cooling system for the rink needs a pick-me-up and the fountain barely works.

Skaters enjoy the artificial ice at Olympic Plaza. The plaza was built for the 1988 Olympics and was not meant to be a permanent park. JENNIFER FRIESEN/FOR METRO

Across the way, Arts Commons has also been identified as a structure with the need to expand and renovate existing parts of the building.

Funding for the project — a significant portion according to Farrell — would come from the community revitalization levy.

> **It would be one of the most important civic projects we could undertake.**
> Druh Farrell

A report entitled Civic District Public Realm Strategy went to committee Wednesday and was approved.

The strategy outlined a cohesive vision for the "Civic District" — an area centred around the Municipal Building, Olympic Plaza, and the New Central Library. It was created in part by the city and key stakeholders to build and cultivate an enhanced and connected district.

"If Calgary Flames win the Stanley Cup, we're going to need a lot of room out there," said Rollin Stanley, general manager of planning and development with the City of Calgary. "How can we treat the streets? How can we integrate them so people are better connected to what is the centre part of the city?"

Stanley said a tower could be added to several spots including a city-owned parking lot currently behind the Teatro restaurant downtown. The building would, in turn, help raise funds for the city's projects in the area.

The plan also outlined worries from stakeholders over the safety and access of Olympic Plaza, which many still see as a seedy area in the core because of poor line-of-sight and a higher transient population.

"It's aging, it wasn't built to last," Farrell said. "The trees are not in great shape, it's considered one of the least safe parts of our downtown … unless the plaza is active, we spend a lot of energy to activate the plaza."

DISTRACTED DRIVING

Infractions will earn motorists demerits

Ryan Tumilty
Metro | Edmonton

If you're caught driving while distracted after Jan. 2016 you will earn demerit points on your license, as the NDP moves to further encourage people to keep their eyes on the road.

Transportation minister Brian Mason played coy on the details, but a cabinet order released Wednesday revealed three demerit points will be added to the already-existing $287 fine for distracted driving as of Jan. 1, 2016.

"We will be having an announcement tomorrow where we will be discussing that," Mason said.

In March, the legislature passed former PC MLA Moe Amery's private member's bill to add three demerits for those ticketed with distracted driving.

Mason said combatting the problem is a priority.

"It's a leading cause of accidents and the government certainly wants to do something about it."

In October, Metro Calgary reported Alberta has seen roughly 27,000 distracted driving tickets issued each year and that between 20-30 per cent of collisions are now attributed to distracted driving.

Edmonton Police Chief Rod Knecht has frequently called for adding demerits to the law in order to crack down on people distracted by cellphones and other things while driving.

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Local mother changes her tattoo for transgender son

PEACE FAMILY

'I felt kind of different from everyone else,' says Ace, 15

Jeremy Simes
For Metro | Calgary

The Peace family — from left: Ace, Hamish, Elliot, Lindsay and Steve. Lindsay recently changed her tattoo to better represent her son, Ace. JEREMY SIMES/FOR METRO

> We weren't surprised. As parents, you say, 'Whatever makes you happy,' and we've seen him become happier and happier as time goes on, which makes us happy. Steve Peace

Ace Peace is quiet, kind, friendly and super funny, according to his dad, Steve.

When he was little, he'd even start his own pyjama day at school when, in fact, it wasn't PJ day.

"It was just his PJ day. He just didn't give a s—, which is good," Steve said with a laugh. "He's everything you'd hope for."

But Ace felt a bit different than most kids. He's a boy, but was born in the wrong body. Ace is transgender.

"I felt kind of different from everyone else," said Ace, 15, who now attends Crescent Heights High School. "I just didn't get it, like what exactly was different about me. I just thought I was weird, but nothing that put me out of place or anything."

He said he doesn't mind talking about the past, but his family always refers to him as Ace. It doesn't matter if he was two or 12.

And his parents have done something to honour that. His mom, Lindsay, recently had a tattoo transformation.

She has tattoos of all three of her kids, but the one of Ace didn't quite fit the bill.

Prior to the change in ink, Ace was depicted as a typical girl: lots of pink, bows and pigtails.

Now, the tattoo is of a little boy wearing a T-shirt and shorts, including a slingshot tucked in the collar.

Lindsay said the family changed it because, well, they found themselves in a few awkward situations.

"People would say, 'Oh, who is on your arm?'" she said.

"We were on holidays, and people would say, 'Is that your kids?' And here I am with three boys, and very clearly a little girl was on my arm."

So, they made a few jokes about the tattoo.

"We'd say it's the neighbour," she said with a laugh.

At his Grade 9 graduation, Ace told his mom to remove it. But his dad — the artist who had done the original tattoo — had a better idea.

"It was just an easy fix," he said.

Lindsay said she knew something was up with Ace, but couldn't put a finger on it.

She thought he might've been gay or bisexual, but that wasn't the case.

"It's like you're getting warmer," Ace said. "Just move past the B to the T and you're there."

And so about a year ago, he wrote his parents a letter on New Year's Eve, telling them of his gender identity. He's since had his passport and birth certificate changed.

"We weren't surprised," Steve said. "As parents, you say, 'Whatever makes you happy,' and we've seen him become happier and happier as time goes on, which makes us happy."

It was never an issue for Ace's two brothers, Hamish and Elliott, either.

"It's a different world these days," Steve said. "We're just lucky to live where we do. I think it'd be tough if we lived in a different country, or even the States."

Though his family is supportive, many trans people are rejected from loved ones, Steve said.

A 2011 National Transgender Discrimination Survey found 41 per cent of transgender and gender non-conforming people had attempted suicide. The national average is 4.6 per cent.

"Parents need to really support their kids in these situations," he said. "I thought he was happy before, but no — he's happier now. It's crazy. He smiles all the time."

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IN BRIEF

Officers seize suspected opium at Calgary airport

Hundreds of grams of opium were seized at the Calgary International Airport after a traveller had ingested the substance.

In late November at the Calgary International Airport, Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA) officers stopped a traveller who had swallowed 342.5 grams of suspected opium, according to the CBSA.

Once the suspected opium was expelled from the traveller, the drugs were turned over to the RCMP for further investigation.

Davood Shahpouri, 48, of Calgary was charged under the Controlled Drugs and Substances Act for importation of a narcotic and possession for the purpose of trafficking. METRO

Police investigating two pedestrian collisions

Calgary Police are investigating two separate collisions that happened Tuesday evening.

A 27-year-old woman suffered serious injuries after she was struck in a crosswalk at the intersection of Bannister Road and Midlake Boulevard SE, around 5:20 p.m. Tuesday.

Police are looking for the vehicle that fled the scene. It's described as a dark-coloured pick-up truck that will likely have noticeable damage to the front passenger side.

About two hours later, another pedestrian was struck in an unrelated collision in the 2500 block of 32 Street NE.

Police are investigating both collisions. Anyone with information is asked to call its traffic section at 403-428-4000. METRO

Randy Ward, president and founder of Diversified Staffing Services/PEO Canada, was devastated to see the 165 per cent property tax increase earlier this year. METRO FILE

City slashes 165% property tax hike

APPEAL

Local owner says other companies are suffering

Jeremy Simes
For Metro | Calgary

Business owner Randy Ward is happy to see his property taxes sharply decrease, though he said he knows other downtown business owners are still grappling with over-the-top taxes.

Ward, president and founder of Diversified Staffing Services/PEO Canada, paid $476,499 in property taxes in June 2015, a spike of 165 per cent from $185,714 in 2014.

The city also valued the land at $33 million, compared to last year's figure of $13 million.

Metro previously reported the jump was due to a city assessment that saw three downtown properties sell for high-dollar figures.

Those purchases rippled across the downtown landscape, pushing land values up and increasing property taxes for numerous business owners in the area.

Ward recently won an appeal against the city, and was awarded a $170,000 reduction for 2015. He said his city viewpoint value was also reduced from $33 million to $21 million.

> **"It's a game with them every year. The city will kill small business."**
> Randy Ward

"It's good," Ward said. "I'm happy about (the tax reduction), but what about the restaurants and all those places in the area (that didn't get a reduction)?"

Nelson Karpa, the city's assessment director, said business owners still upset with their taxes can file complaints.

"Every property owner has a right to ask questions, and (the city) is happy to discuss what went into (their) assessments," he said.

Though he couldn't delve into details, Karpa said Ward likely won the case due to different evidence brought forward.

Ward, on the other hand, said he thinks the city was put under some pressure to make the reductions.

EDUCATION

Nine sites to open on time

Aaron Chatha
Metro | Calgary

The Calgary Board of Education said it's seeing progress at school construction sites and hope to have nine new schools open up in September — despite the fact two of those schools are behind schedule.

Supt. Frank Coppinger said Evanston Elementary and Copperfield Elementary have fallen behind.

"My project managers indicate they should still — even though they're behind — catch up with an expected completion date to occupy the schools in September," said Coppinger.

The nine new schools will add 7,200 student spaces, providing relief for schools that are near or at capacity. Coppinger said the CBE is at a system utilization rate of 87 per cent, which is higher than any of the other metro boards in Calgary and Edmonton.

"It's going to help them out tremendously," he said. "And it's not only these nine new schools that will open in September. There are another six schools we expect to open in January."

Along with the new schools, the CBE is also expecting the modernization of Jack James High School and the Aboriginal Learning Centre at Harold W. Riley School to be completed and open to students in September.

Six of the new schools opening in September will be elementary schools.

A CBE release said walk zones and school designations will be available to parents before the winter break.

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FARM-SAFETY BILL

NDP shuts down opposition's delay bid

The Alberta government rejected a bid by opposition parties Wednesday to delay a controversial farm-safety bill following another round of heated debate.

The NDP caucus voted to defeat a motion to move Bill 6, the Enhanced Protection for Farm and Ranch Workers Act, to a legislature committee for further discussion.

Opposition Wildrose and Progressive Conservative members, along with Alberta Party Leader Greg Clark, voted for it.

The government passed the bill at second reading after passing a motion to limit the debate. Government house leader Brian Mason has said the business of the legislature can't remain at a standstill.

The proposed legislation gives occupational health and safety protections and worker compensation benefits to paid farm workers effective Jan. 1.

Finance Minister Joe Ceci, speaking to the bill on Wednesday morning, told the house he worked on farms and in factories as a youth.

He said while work conditions were fairly good, he was at times put into dicey situations.

Those comments brought an enraged response from Wildrose member Jason Nixon.

"We've seen this minister now just do exactly what the premier has done in this assembly over and over and over again, and that is to blame farmers and ranchers, saying for a hundred years they've been trying to hurt their employees, trying to kill their employees," said Nixon.

"This is why they're mad in rural Alberta."

Passing second reading cleared the way for the house to debate government amendments to the bill.

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Const. Hilary Jennings, left, Alex Sargent and Const. Cindy Robinson spent the morning shopping together.

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Teens go shopping with police

COPSHOP

Tenth annual event helps forge bonds with youth

Lucie Edwardson
Metro | Calgary

They shopped — with a cop — till they dropped.

Now in its 10th year, the Calgary Police Service and Marlborough Mall teamed up to bring some of the city's most deserving youth some holiday cheer.

The CopShop event paired up CPS officers with a local teen for a day of holiday shopping.

Participating youth were each given a $200 gift card donated by Marlborough Mall to spend on holiday gifts for themselves, family members and friends.

Insp. Leah Barber said because the event rewards hard-working Calgary kids, the event is a highlight for her each year.

Youth participants were selected based on need, academic performance, sports achievement or volunteering efforts that are making a positive impact in their community.

Barber said the event also forges good relationships between CPS and youth.

"We want them to see us as people and as friends that they can go to when they're in trouble, instead as always being oppressors," she said.

Kim Wiltse, marketing and specialty leasing director for Marlborough Mall, said she's been involved in the event for the last eight years, and there's one thing that rings true each year.

"The look on the kid's face when they're done shopping is just so great," she said.

Wiltse said it's how the kids chose to spend the money that always makes her smile.

"Usually they aren't even buying things for themselves," she said. "They're getting gifts for their families, so that's pretty cool."

> **We want them to see us as people and as friends that they can go to when they're in trouble, instead as always being oppressors.**
> Insp. Leah Barber

Alex Sargent, a Grade 9 student at Sir Wilfred Laurier, spent the morning shopping with Const. Hilary Jennings and Const. Cindy Robinson.

"I think it's fun that I get to walk around with these cops," said Sargent. "I think it'd be cool to be a police officer one day."

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Alberta Municipal Affairs Minister Danielle Larivee said homes in Roxboro, Rideau Park and Elbow Park, some of which are shown here, that were damaged by the 2013 flood and bought by the province will be demolished. JENNIFER FRIESEN/FOR METRO

Homes coming down

ELBOW RIVER

Flood-damaged homes to be demolished, says province

Brodie Thomas
Metro | Calgary

The province will be demolishing 17 Calgary homes along the Elbow River that were purchased through the floodway relocation program.

Municipal Affairs Minister Danielle Larivee said removing the homes is the best option, since they sustained so much damage during the flood.

"It would be irresponsible to expose any new residents to the risks of flooding," said Larivee on a conference call Wednesday afternoon.

She said the hope is the properties can eventually be resold for future development, once flood mitigation is complete.

The homes are in the communities of Elbow Park, Rideau Park and Roxboro. Larivee said the homes are not all side by side, but are located sporadically throughout the communities.

Tony Morris, co-president of Calgary's River Community's Action Group, said his group wants to see communities rehabilitated, not shut down.

They feel the new NDP government is more open to what they have been suggesting.

"The critically important thing is that they're pretty clearly intending to put lots back on the market — to restore these neighbourhoods to what they were before," he said.

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CRIME

Protect holiday purchases: Police

Aaron Chatha
Metro | Calgary

It's Christmas season and all through the night — and the local shopping hours — Grinches and thieves are about, plotting to break into your car or home.

Calgary police have launched their annual Christmas presence campaign to warn Calgarians to be safe with their Christmas shopping, and prevent would-be thieves from taking little Timmy's train set from your home or the back of your car. Police said they see an increase in crime this time of year.

"Everybody's out this time of year doing their Christmas shopping," said Staff Sgt. Brad Moore.

"You're going out, the spouse is going out, friends.... The thieves are out doing the same thing."

Moore said Calgarians should make sure their cars are locked, and valuables are kept in the trunk. Don't leave keys in running cars, and don't leave garage door openers on visors or in plain sight.

"You can be in the mall for two hours. I can take garage door opener, look at your registration and be at your house in 15 minutes," said Moore.

Moore said police will be out talking to the public and checking vehicles to make sure they're secured and leaving pamphlets for those that aren't.

For home theft prevention, Moore said to keep presents out of sight from the street.

Police say if you're shopping mall to mall, store your valuables in the trunk as you leave the mall, not when you arrive at the new one. AARON CHATHA/METRO

IN BRIEF

Herald editor defends Scud Stud column

The editor of the Calgary Herald says an article at the heart of a defamation lawsuit launched by former journalist Arthur Kent is defensible because its main facts are true.

Lorne Motley says the paper often runs columns on news pages and it was clear Don Martin's article was an opinion piece.

Kent is suing the Herald's parent company Postmedia and Martin over the 2008 article, which was published when the former journalist known as the Scud Stud was running in the Alberta election.

The column called Kent a "dud" on the campaign trail and portrayed him as an ego-crazed star who refused to be controlled by the Progressive Conservative party.

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URBAN PLANNING

City will get dedicated bus lanes in 2016

Brodie Thomas
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Bus-only lanes are coming to Calgary's southeast as the city prepares to build its first transitway in 2016.

As 17 Avenue SE is redeveloped, the city will be adding two bus lanes in the middle of the road between 26 Street SE and Hubalta Road.

The buses will have five stops along the road, and will be able to sail past any traffic backlogs, making transit more reliable for users.

There will still be two lanes of traffic in each direction for vehicles, and pedestrians will see improved sidewalks as part of the work.

This artist rendering shows a bus stop near the western end of the Transitway. COURTESY CITY OF CALGARY

Howard Kai, project manager for the 17 Avenue Southeast Transitway, said the group is currently consulting with local residents and business owners at artBOX on 17E.

They're working on a plan to widen the road in a way that will affect the smallest amount of private property.

"We're really trying to drive up reliability for the transit users as well as the station amenities," said Kai.

Sam Plucer was one of the property owners who stopped in to see the latest plans.

He said he stands to lose some green space in front of his property.

"One of my concerns is, where will I pile the snow when they shovel it off the parkade?" asked Plucer, adding that city administration is working with him on a possible solution to this.

Overall, he is in favour of the project.

"If they can go through with it and everyone's in agreement, I think it will enhance the area," he said.

> **We're really trying to drive up reliability for the transit users as well as the station amenities.**
> Howard Kai, project manager

CRIME

Man charged with daughter's murder

The father of a four-year-old who died last December has been charged with the murder.

Oluwatosin Oluwafemi, 39, has been charged with second-degree murder by Calgary police in the death of his daughter, four-year-old Olive Rebekah Oluwafemi.

According to Staff Sgt. Colin Chisholm, on the afternoon of Dec. 19, 2014, emergency crews were called to a home in the 0 to 100 block of Erin Ridge Road SE for a report of a girl in medical distress.

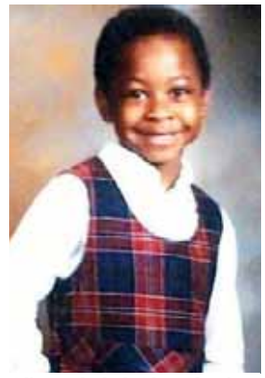
The little girl was in cardiac arrest and wasn't breathing when paramedics arrived.

She was pronounced dead a short time later at a nearby hospital.

Police deemed Olive's death a homicide in this January.

"Investigators believed the injuries that caused her death were inflicted in the family home — not the result of play or an accident like falling down the stairs," said Chisholm.

Olive's father, of Keswick, Ont., was arrested by CPS with the help of York Regional Police in Ontario on Dec. 8 and flown back to Calgary.



Olive Rebekah Oluwafemi
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Chisholm said making an arrest of this nature is very rewarding.

"We have a victim of a very vulnerable nature in this case, who nobody is apparently speaking for," he said.

"It's very satisfying to bring an investigation with this kind of impact to a successful conclusion."

Oluwafemi will appear in court Dec. 10.

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In October, *Reuters* reported private investment firm Starwood Capital Group got in the game. They purchased 23,262 mid-rise and garden-style apartments for a whopping $5.37 billion. Other hedge funds are buying entire subdivisions under construction.

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Does all this investment activity show the U.S. headed for another property bubble? The answer is no.

Demographics are driving demand for rental property to heights unseen in American history. *Bloomberg Business* says rents are only going higher.

The Millennials saddled with student debt, are choosing to rent. Others want to live in cities and avoid long commutes home ownership often demands.

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LEGISLATION

Bill 8 passes; Board still opposes parts

Aaron Chatha
Metro | Calgary

The Calgary Board of Education's opinion on Bill 8 hasn't changed, despite the fact it was passed in the Alberta Legislature.

The legislation passed Tuesday – with an amendment meant to ensure school boards will be involved in each stage of teacher negotiations.

Bill 8 will allow the government to negotiate on provincial matters, such as salary, and the local school boards to handle local matters. Previously, local boards handled all the negotiations.

The amendment will delay the start of the negotiating process by one month, allowing the Teachers' Employer Bargaining Association to become operational, which will now represent both the government and school boards at the table. In a letter written by Joy Bowen-Eye, chair of the CBE Board of Trustees, objections to several sections of the bill were raised, and recommended the government define the different between central matters and local matters.

Amber Stewart, board trustee, confirmed the CBE's position hasn't changed, even given the amendment to the bill.

Education Minister David Eggen said this is something that has long been sought after by the government.

"Obviously, we are the funder," he said. "We provide the money to the 61 school boards to provide education across the province.

"So, it seems like the time has come, in regards to making sure we get a fair deal. We're keeping a close eye on the purse strings, because, of course, these are scarce public resources that I'm responsible for."

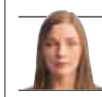
Eggen said the next step is getting the board established.

George Boyce, 12, first started giving his birthday presents to the Alberta Children's Hospital five years ago, **and this year he hopes to collect 500 donations.** JENNIFER FRIESEN/FOR METRO

Preteen has unique wish

CHARITY

George Boyce donates his birthday gifts to hospital



Jennifer Friesen
For Metro

It was a warm summer day when Gillian and Larry Boyce told their son, George, to start thinking about what he wanted to do for his ninth birthday in December.

"I already know what I want to do," he replied.

Casually, the young hockey player said he wanted to have a skating party where everyone brings a gift. It sounded like a typical request at first, but George continued, saying he wanted to give every gift to the Alberta Children's Hospital (ACH).

"I cried, I'll never forget it," said Gillain.

"With his birthday being around Christmas we always tried to make a big event of it so he didn't feel left out, so we never expected this. I'm still stunned thinking about it."

George celebrated his ninth birthday five years ago, bringing in 52 gifts for donation, and he hasn't stopped since.

In 2012 he gathered 116 presents for ACH, 325 in 2013 and finally 491 last year.

And now, this Saturday, George will take over Olympic Plaza again for his 13th birthday party, hoping to collect 500 presents for the hospital.

"I just want to keep going," said George. "I know having cancer would be really scary, and I just want people to have more joy."

It all started the Christmas George was still eight years old. Over the stereo, the Barenaked Ladies began to sing "Do They Know it's Christmas," and George's parents, Larry and Gillian saw a puzzled look wash over his face as he took notice.

"It was about how some people couldn't do much for Christmas," said George.

> **I know having cancer would be really scary, and I just want people to have more joy.**
> George Boyce

"They didn't get anything, and that just touched my heart, so I just wanted to start giving."

From 1 pm to 4 pm on Saturday, George will be hosting his birthday party at Olympic Plaza, complete with homemade cupcakes and hot chocolate donated by Tim Horton's.

To join in, bring the family, a pair of skates, and an unwrapped new toy or gift to help George reach his goal of 500 donated presents for the Alberta Children's Hospital.

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2015	CITY EXPRESS CARGO VAN	58004	$29,410	$22,7 SOLD	612
2015	CITY EXPRESS CARGO VAN	58002	$28,740	$22,298	$6,442
2015	ENCORE FWD	59425	$30,435	$24,198	$6,737
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2015	ENCORE AWD	59427	$32,340	$25,598	$7,342

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2015	SILVERADO HD 1LZ 4X4 DBL	55001	$65,605	$47,098	$18,607
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Haidah Amirzadeh was seven months pregnant and couldn't speak English when she arrived as a refugee in Saskatoon in 1989. Zahra Darzi fled Iran with her two daughters after her husband was executed. She claimed refugee status once she arrived in Regina in 1991.

Amirzadeh is now a lawyer specializing in immigration and refugee law who teaches at the University of Saskatchewan. Darzi is an engineer working at Saskatchewan's telephone utility.

Both say they came to Canada looking for an opportunity to succeed and both seized it. As Canada prepares to bring in thousands of Syrian refugees, the women say they want to remind people that, while many will come with little, it won't take long for them to get on their feet.

"I think, especially when somebody has been in such a difficult situation for so long, when they arrive to an opportunity, they really grab onto it," says Amirzadeh. "Nobody really wants to be a burden."

Amirzadeh left Iran and spent 18 months as a refugee in Turkey before settling in Canada. She recalls waiting to be selected, interviewed and picked. There was a lot of anxiety about being rejected.

Once in Canada, she learned English and put herself through law school.

"There are a lot of people who come with nothing, with no English, with no support, and then within a few years they become so successful, it's amazing."

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IMMIGRATION

'It will be a great day,' Trudeau says

About 300 Syrians are expected to arrive in Canada by Saturday as the long-awaited, first flights under the Liberal plan to resettle thousands of refugees from the war-torn region finally touch down.

The first aircraft is scheduled to land Thursday evening in Toronto, with a second flight arriving Saturday in Montreal, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau told the House of Commons during question period.

"Resettling refugees demonstrates our commitment to Canadians and to the world that Canada understands that we can and must do more," he said.

"It will be a great day."

While just over 400 refugees have arrived since the new government was sworn in on Nov. 4, Thursday marks the start of a program that's been weeks in the making, as officials in Canada and overseas have scrambled to help the Liberals meet a campaign promise to resettle 25,000 people.

Initially, the promise was to bring all of them in by year's end, but the government was forced to spread the commitment over a longer time period because of the logistics.

Six-year-old Ahmad Mazan Khabbaz, a refugee from Syria, is greeted by family friend Rakan Almasri, himself a recent arrival to Canada from Syria, as the youngest member of his family arrives with his parents and sisters at Pearson Airport on Wednesday. **While just over 400 refugees have arrived since the new government was sworn in, Thursday marks the start of a government program that's been weeks in the making.** CHRIS YOUNG/THE CANADIAN PRESS

The first group of refugees will fly to Canada on military planes, but the government says the rest of the flights scheduled for December are likely to be privately chartered aircraft.

The first 300 arrivals are among 10,000 privately sponsored refugees the government is seeking to welcome by Dec. 31.

Those with sponsors in the Toronto or Montreal areas will be told where and when to meet their new hosts, while those destined for other communities across Canada will stay overnight in their arrival cities before moving on the next day.

By the end of February, the government is itself hoping to resettle 15,000 refugees, to be initially spread among 36 different cities where agencies have agreements for resettlement services.

Roadblocks to getting the program off the ground have included getting the UN to find enough cases to refer to Canada for possible resettlement, technical hiccups regarding biometric screening equipment and diplomatic wrangling with governments in Jordan, Lebanon and Turkey over exit visas.

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Prime Minister Justin Trudeau speaks to media in Ottawa on Wednesday. His vow to Canadians reduces the tax rate of middle-income earners by 1.5 per cent. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Tax cuts are on the way

POLITICS

Changes will cost federal treasury over $1.2B per year

Michael Woods
Metro | Ottawa

The Liberal government is forging ahead with its plan to raise taxes on the rich and cut taxes for middle-income earners — despite the fiscal impact on federal coffers.

The Liberal campaign platform said the tax changes would be revenue neutral, but the government admitted this week that they won't be; they will cost the federal treasury $1.2 billion annually.

Asked about the $1.2 billion gap on Wednesday, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau told reporters there were different analyses during the campaign of how much the measures were going to cost and bring in.

The Liberals promised to raise taxes from 29 per cent to 33 per cent on incomes more than $200,000, and lower the tax rate from 22 per cent to 20.5 per cent on incomes between $44,000 and $89,000.

"That is what we are doing, and that is what we're committed to doing," Trudeau said. "It's not just good for middle-class Canadians to get more money in their pockets every paycheque, it's also good for fighting against the income inequality that continues to be a problem for growth in Canada."

A ways and means motion detailing the changes passed in the House of Commons 230-95 on Wednesday.

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IN BRIEF

Assisted dying law to take effect Thursday

Quebec's health minister Gaetan Barrette said Wednesday legislation on assisted dying will become law on Thursday.

Quebec's top tribunal gave the province permission to appeal a lower-court decision that granted an injunction aimed at blocking adoption of the law. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Duffy: Colleague told him expense claims OK

On his second day of testimony in Ottawa, Sen. Mike Duffy said a senior Conservative colleague told him to file expense claims indicating he lived primarily in Prince Edward Island in order to insulate himself from criticism he wasn't qualified to represent the province. THE CANADIAN PRESS

DEFENCE

Liberals mum on security fund renewal

Defence Minister Harjit Sajjan was non-committal Wednesday about renewing Canada's $300-million support for Afghan security forces, despite a deadly attack at Kandahar Airfield that left as many as 37 people dead.

NATO foreign ministers last week approved an aid request to the international community as a whole, but Sajjan said it will be treated in the same manner as other urgent security matters.

> **We'll be reviewing all different options when it comes to supporting the fight against terrorism around the world.**
> Defence Minister Harjit Sajjan

Sajjan served three tours in the war-ravaged nation as a liaison officer who helped compile intelligence on both Taliban insurgents and local officials.

He said it was hard to watch the carnage that took place this week during a nearly 24-hour assault on the airfield near the southern Afghan city, for which the Taliban claimed responsibility.

Canada no longer has a military presence in Afghanistan.

NATO says it needs to raise $4 billion a year to keep the security forces going up to 2020.

Donor countries began paying the bills for Afghan troops and police following the 2012 NATO summit in Chicago and the Harper government made a $330-million commitment up to 2017. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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RACISM

Expert warns of detentions and abuse

France's state of emergency has allowed French police to conduct warrantless searches and detain people without charge — extraordinary powers that have been used to target the Muslim community, religious leaders say.

Yasser Louati is a spokesman for the Collective against Islamophobia in France. He spoke with Torstar News Service from Paris. The interview has been translated from French and edited for length and clarity.

Question: Your organization claims the state of emergency has unfairly targeted Muslims. What evidence do you have?

Answer: The raids have disproportionately targeted people of Islamic faith with overt brutality. We've collected evidence of 50 cases of abuse — and these are just the ones we know about — where police hurled racist abuse at families, women were assaulted and one even miscarried. When raids are conducted on erroneous intelligence — 90 per cent of the raids have found nothing — why humiliate people?

Q: Has there been more racism since the attacks?

A: The hate began the night of the attacks. Even before the attacks were finished, we already had death threats against Muslims and calls for revenge. Veiled women have been assaulted in front of their children — verbally, with fists and even with a box cutter.

Q: This attitude, do you see it as reflecting a bigger problem of Islamophobia, not only in France but across the western world?

A: We saw what Donald Trump said this week about banning Muslim immigration to the U.S. All I have to say is, will he ban the rich Saudis, too? I don't think so. It's just demagoguery. Donald Trump doesn't have policy, he only has punch lines.

Regarding the growing Islamophobia in the West, it's real but it's not due to the presence of Muslims. We've fabricated a Muslim problem in our society. We refuse to see Muslims as full-fledged citizens. We see them as Muslim, therefore an other, a foreigner. Muslims have been citizens of France for four generations and we continue to treat them as second-class.

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> **We've fabricated a Muslim problem in our society.**
> Yasser Louati

Yasser Louati, a spokesman for the Collective against Islamophobia in France, says what's happening in France is part of a growing racism in the West. COLLECTIF CONTRE L'ISLAMOPHOBIE

PARIS ATTACKS

Text reveals terrorist

It took a text from Syria to a mother in France to reveal the identity of the third killer at the Bataclan concert venue in Paris: Your son died as a martyr Nov. 13.

For four weeks, police had failed to identify the third gunman who stormed the venue along with two French Islamic extremists, killing nearly three-quarters of the total 130 people who died in the Paris attacks.

Then, about 10 days ago, Foued Mohamed-Aggad's mother in Strasbourg received a text message in English announcing her son's death "as a martyr"— a typical way the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant notifies families of casualties. She gave French police a DNA sample which showed one of her sons was killed inside the Bataclan.

The news announced Wednesday further confirms that the deadly Paris attacks were carried out largely, if not entirely, by Europeans trained by ISIL extremists. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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This photo shows weapons carried by suspects at the shoot-out in San Bernardino, Calif. HANDOUT/SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Firearms by the numbers

UNITED STATES

Seven key facts about guns in America

Another U.S. mass shooting committed with powerful but legal guns. Another refusal by Congress to pass any new gun laws.

Americans' fixation with firearms is an easy target for world condemnation. Some of it, though, is based on myths, outdated information and flawed assumptions about the actual state of affairs. Here are a few surprising statistics.

1 **Gun crime is way down.** High-profile mass shootings make America seem like a place where gun crime is spiralling out of control. In fact, gun crime is much less common there now than it was in the 1990s. Since 1993, the gun homicide rate has been cut in half, from seven per 100,000 people to 3.6 per 100,000, and the rate of non-deadly gun crime has dropped even more steeply.

2 **Gun ownership is at an all-time low.** Fewer U.S. households possessed guns last year than at any time in the last 40 years: 32 per cent, according to the General Social Survey. It appears that people who already owned a gun have been stocking up on more.

3 **There's strong support for gun restrictions.** Many Americans are highly supportive of specific gun-control proposals. In a Pew poll this summer, large majorities favoured mandatory background checks for people buying at gun shows (85 per cent), laws to prevent people with mental illnesses from buying guns (79 per cent), and a federal database to track gun sales (70 per cent).

4 **Some politicians are taking action.** When Congress refuses to do anything about guns even in the wake of mass shootings, it is easy to believe the entire American political system is doing nothing. That's not true: After the 2012 attack on a Colorado movie theatre, the state banned high-capacity magazines. Within two years of the 2012 Sandy Hook school shooting, five states had expanded background checks.

5 **America is still off the charts.** The U.S. continues to have a far higher gun homicide rate than any other wealthy industrialized country. According to one study, the U.S. gun homicide rate was 20 times higher in 2003 than the combined rate of 22 other major nations.

6 **The biggest gun problem is suicide.** Suicides get far less attention than homicides, but they account for about 60 per cent of U.S. gun deaths — and rising.

7 **African-Americans are the primary victims.** African-Americans, and especially African-American men, are far more likely to be the victims of gun crime than anyone else. In 2010, for example, blacks were seven times more likely than whites to be killed in a gun homicide.

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SAN BERNARDINO

FBI, police still struggle to detect threats

By the time the married couple who carried out the deadly San Bernardino attack came to the attention of police, it was far too late.

Syed Rizwan Farook and his wife, Tashfeen Malik, had gone undetected while planning the massacre that included amassing thousands of rounds of ammunition, high-powered guns and pipe bombs.

The FBI's acknowledgement that the San Bernardino shooters had been radicalized Muslims for "quite some time" points to the difficulty discovering potential terrorists who keep a very low profile and shows the deadly consequences that can occur when identification comes too late.

"What this situation shows is this is not a fool-proof system. A hundred per cent prevention is not achievable," said David Schanzer, a Duke University public policy professor who runs a centre that studies terrorism.

> **"It appears these people were very good at hiding their intentions.**
> David Schanzer, Duke University professor

The couple, who lived quietly in a two-bedroom town house with their six-month-old daughter and Farook's mother, had not come to the attention of law enforcement before clothing themselves in black, donning face masks and bursting into an annual festive meeting of Farook's county health department colleagues with guns blazing. They killed 14 people and wounded 21 last Wednesday before dying in a shootout with police. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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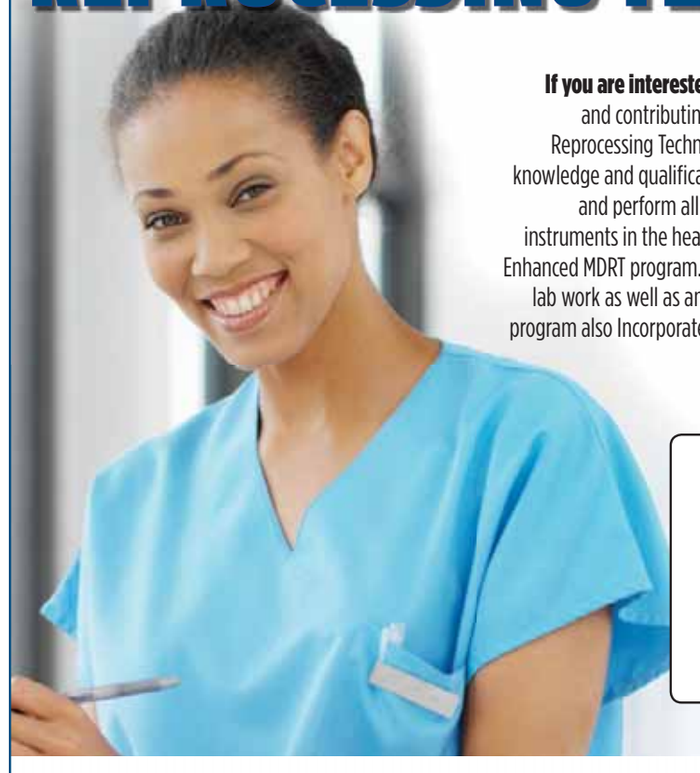

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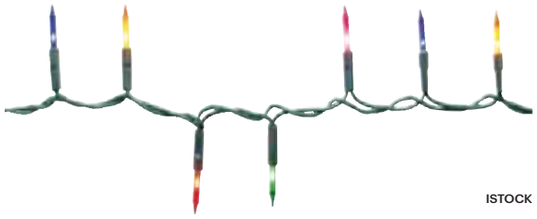

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Canadian Tire is accusing Walmart of ripping off the design of its made-in-Canada clip-on Christmas lights and is demanding that the mega-retailer cease and desist.

A Federal Court claim filed by Canadian Tire alleges that Walmart worked with two Taiwanese companies to copy the construction and packaging of its Noma Quick-Clip lights.

It wants Walmart to stop selling the "unique" product due to copyright infringement, and is seeking $500,000 in punitive damages. Walmart has yet to file a statement of defence.

Earlier this week, Canadian Tire issued an unrelated safety warning to customers who purchased Christmas lights from its Holiday Collection line. It says some of the products may pose a fire and shock hazard.

Canadian Tire is recalling 12 products made by Taizhou Hongpeng Colour Lanterns that were sold between Aug. 1, 2015, and Nov. 30, 2015, Canadian Tire said.

Health Canada has previously issued warnings this year about hazards with seasonal lights that were sold at Walmart, Dollarama, The Michaels Companies, Loblaw Companies Inc., Shoppers Drug Mart and Pharmaprix. Affected brands include Life at Home, Magi Decor, Celebrate it and Danson Decor.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Dollarama reveals prices creeping up

RETAIL

Discount chain says $1.25 is the new $1 — with cap rising to $4

Montreal-based Dollarama says its higher-priced items are intended to help it adjust to the impact of the weakening Canadian dollar. THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

Dollarama confirmed Wednesday what a lot of its customers already know: that the majority of items in the stores are priced above $1.25.

So the Montreal-based discount retailer — where everything originally sold for a loonie or even less when it was founded more than 20 years ago — said it will start to use $1.25 rather than a dollar as its new reference point when reporting sales and financial results.

And while its current maximum price point is $3, Dollarama will also introduce even higher-priced items of $3.50 and $4 starting in the second half of next year, chief executive Larry Rossy told analysts on a conference call.

He said many products at its 1,005 stores across Canada are still priced at a buck, but the $1.25 metric is "a better representation of our price point range."

For the three months ending Nov. 1, 59.7 per cent of sales came from prices above $1.25, compared with 54.1 per cent during the same period a year ago.

The company said the higher-priced items are intended to help it adjust to the impact of the weakening Canadian dollar.

Dollarama started increasing its prices beyond $1 about six years ago, and then introduced the $2.50 and $3 items in 2012.

> **History has a funny way of repeating itself. No matter what business ... your prices can only be as low as your costs,.**
> Ken Wong

A spokesperson said the new $1.25 base price point is "totally unconnected to anything happening in stores," and that items without price stickers will remain $1 as usual.

Ken Wong, marketing professor at the Smith School of Business at Queen's University, said it reminds him of how the five-and-dime stores in the 1950s eventually had to drop that moniker as costs crept up, and then they were just swallowed up by Kresge's and Woolco, then K-Mart and Walmart.

"History has a funny way of repeating itself. No matter what business you're in, your prices can only be as low as your costs," said Wong.

Meanwhile the company — whose green and yellow signage already contains the word 'plus' beside the $1 logo to reflect higher prices — will try to stick to its cap on grocery items of $2, Rossy said.

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CHANTAL HÉBERT: ON HARPER'S SUCCESSOR

A majority of Conservatives will be looking for more than just a change in tone when they pick the next leader.

The exact number of Conservative supporters who held their nose to stick with Stephen Harper last October and/or who would rather have had a new leader to vote for will never be known, but based on a poll published earlier this week it was probably significant.

Designed to provide an early glimpse at the dynamics of Harper's succession, the Abacus poll suggests a majority of Conservatives will be looking for more than just a change in tone when they pick the next leader.

Over the course of the past decade, the Reform/Alliance branch of the party has dominated the Harper government. But at this early juncture, none of its leading members inspire more than tepid support among Conservative voters.

Under prominent right-of-centre champions such as Jason Kenney — Harper's go-to minister — or Saskatchewan premier Brad Wall, the party would risk being pushed back to it strongholds of Western Canada.

East of Manitoba, the dream candidate of a plurality of Conservative voters hails from the progressive-conservative side of the family, as does the runner-up.

Of the nine possible contenders put forward by Abacus, only Peter MacKay and Jean Charest, two former federal Tory leaders, enjoy double-digit support in every region of the country.

But Charest has made it clear that he is not contemplating a return to federal politics and his diehard fans seem to have accepted that his no is final.

Based on the Abacus poll, staying on the sidelines is a good call. Only in his home-province would Charest be competitive with MacKay. In Ontario and Atlantic Canada, his former caucus colleague would beat him hands down.

By comparison, Wall barely registers outside of the Prairies. Ditto for Jason Kenney.

That is not to say that Harper's succession is MacKay's for the asking or even that he wants the leadership. But if he did throw his hat in the ring, he would be the prohibitive front-runner, especially in a field that will probably not even feature some of the names that tested best in the Abacus poll.

Wall will be seeking another provincial mandate next year. He has consistently maintained that he has no interest in the federal job. Some believe that could change after the provincial election. But it is a rare premier who enters in a federal leadership campaign without a reasonable certainty of victory, and no such assurance would be on offer to Wall in the case of the Conservative Party.

Kenney has more solid support within the party than the poll indicates. But it is clear his high ministerial profile and a reputation for efficiency have not translated into popularity. Some of his Kenney's closest allies believe that the former minister could win the party, but doubt he could win the country. They note that there is a reason there has never been an openly socially conservative leader at the helm of a major federal party.

It will be weeks and possibly months before the actual lay of the post-Harper land takes shape.

Ontario MP Lisa Raitt ranks best among the other former Harper team members whose names were put to the test. In the months to come, her critic role in the Commons will pit her against Finance Minister Bill Morneau; the pair is already emerging as the duo to watch in question period. But Raitt has yet to demonstrate the same proficiency in French, and no leader who was not fluently bilingual has met with electoral success federally since Lester B. Pearson resigned in the sixties.

By all indications, the Conservatives are not going to rush to a leadership vote. Based on the Conservative performance in question period this week, the interim team Rona Ambrose leads is well up to the job of keeping a rookie Liberal government on its toes in the House.

It will be weeks and possibly months before the actual lay of the post-Harper land takes shape. And although recent experience shows that running to a distant also-ran finish ends up being little more than a vanity pursuit, some of the contenders will only join the race to raise their profiles.

The greater the number of contenders, the higher the odds will be that one of this week's dark horses ends up the winner. Joe Clark and Stéphane Dion were both unlikely beneficiaries of a crowded leadership field.

Chantal Hébert is a national affairs writer. Her column appears in Metro every Thursday.

THE MICROTREND: Self-tanner sales pale

The decades-long trend of both women and men looking suspiciously sun-kissed in Siberian climates seems to finally be on the wane. A study by British market-research firm Mintel has found sales of self-tanning lotion are sinking like the sun on a December afternoon; a shift that is actually kind of retro. While in past centuries parasol-toting ladies prized their milky complexions — it indicated that you hadn't been out in the fields like some kind of peasant — Coco Chanel is credited with popularizing the lightly toasted look in the 1920s. It became the beauty ideal from then on. Interestingly, Chanel's rosy glow was also meant to broadcast that she lived a life of leisure on the French Riviera and didn't need to work, but by that time the workplace was more likely to be a typing pool than a potato farm. SOURCE: THE SCOTSMAN

ROSEMARY WESTWOOD

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Don't be PC. Say it: Donald Trump supporters are racist.

Donald J. Trump is right about one thing. We're far too politically correct.

So politically correct, in fact, that we can't even admit his followers are racist.

We're happy to heap scorn on the man himself. See how much of the world united to denounce his call to ban Muslims from entering the U.S. Witness Vancouver and Toronto seek to rebrand his real estate properties, lest a bigot's name be found in their skyline. Watch the Daily Show dub him "White ISIS" or WISIS.

But when it comes to Trump's devotees, we take a much different tack.

Pundits are hand-wringing trying to explain his continued lead in the Republican nomination polls, and seem to take comfort in the fact that more Republicans don't support Trump than do. Reporters covering his rallies noted this week that Trump seems to beguile his supporters with humour and flattery. Psychologists are positing Trump's fans are swayed mostly by his defiant stance.

But few are blaming Trump's supporters for their culpability in spreading anti-Muslim, anti-Mexican and anti-Chinese vitriol. And even fewer are explaining his popularity by calling a spade a racist.

Conservatives, of course, don't want to alienate their own, especially when they're courting votes.

Liberals have no excuse. Except possibly the fear of backlash, and I'll admit to being worried myself. I like the various explanations offered for Trump's popularity, because they make me feel better about my fellow humans.

If they're not hate-filled, it's easier to keep up my whole humanistic world view, never mind my Catholic one. We're supposed to be accepting of all. We also tend to believe people hold different opinions only because we haven't quite got to them yet.

I might, if I met them in a coffee shop, like a Donald Trump supporter without knowing they were one, and I wouldn't want to piss off my new brew buddy.

But the stakes, in the case of Trump's rally-goers, are far too high for all that.

Anti-Muslim sentiment is rising. And it doesn't need a boost from the most widely covered politician in the U.S., if not the world.

So let's be honest: Anti-Muslim sentiment is only getting that boost because Trump's disciples are racist. Not confused. Not afraid. Not manipulated by flattery. Racist.

I think it's very, very sad, yet important, and probably not politically correct, but I don't care, eh Trump? Otherwise, it's going to get worse and worse, folks. We have no choice. So, Donald, how's that for politically incorrect?

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Beyond the Pale: Folklore, Family, and the Mystery of Our Hidden Genes, Emily Urquhart (HarperCollins)
After giving birth to a daughter with albinism, Emily Urquhart uses her background as a folklorist to uncover various stories and fables in hopes of better understanding the cultural narratives surrounding the genetic disorder.

If I Fall, If I Die, Michael Christie (McClelland & Stewart)
Vancouver author and former pro-skateboarder Michael Christie draws on his personal history in this novel about a young boy in Thunder Bay who longs to go outside and leave the safety of his agoraphobic mother.

Sidewalk Flowers, JonArno Lawson and Sydney Smith (Groundwood Books)
Sure, it's technically a kids' picture book, but JonArno Lawson's wordless poem, about a young girl observing the world while her distracted dad carries on their walk, is a poignant reminder for grown-ups to slow down. Warning: Sydney Smith's gorgeous illustrations may draw a few tears.

Stalin's Daughter, Rosemary Sullivan (HarperCollins)
History buffs will love Rosemary Sullivan's meaty biography of Svetlana Alliluyeva, the only daughter of the tyrant dictator Joseph Stalin, who spent her long, fascinating life trying to escape her father's name.

Russell Smith, Confidence (Biblioasis)
It has been nearly 20 years since Russell Smith burst onto the literary scene heralding a new generation of writers more interested in what was happening at the cocktail bar than the CanLit settings of yore. Smith's short stories prove that he is still an astute observer of urban mores.

The Brief Reincarnation of a Girl, Sue Goyette (Gaspereau Books)
Sue Goyette's powerful poetry collection doubles as documentary as she tries to make sense of the true-life story of a couple tried for murder after their young child died from a prescribed drug cocktail meant to treat ADHD and bipolar disorder.

James Grainger, Harmless (McClelland & Stewart)
It's no surprise that Atom Egoyan has already optioned James Grainger's debut novel. This taut, economically written thriller about a friends' weekend away contains some gory twists, and doubles as a clever exploration of contemporary masculinity.

Sue Carter is the editor at Quill & Quire magazine.

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Curiosity drives popular oddities series, archivist says

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At what point does a person realize they can dislocate their eyeball from its socket, or swallow a sword, or contort their body so it fits into a suitcase, or even lift a washing machine with only their hair?

"I think sword swallowing is lame. That is where I draw the line. But, how you learn you can swallow a sword is one of the greatest mysteries of my life," says Edward Meyer, vice president of exhibits and archives at Ripley's Entertainment Inc.

He had a chance to learn the answer a number of years ago when he met the man who holds a record for the most swords swallowed at once, the longest sword swallowed and who can even bend over and bow while performing the trick.

"I asked him, I'd wanted to ask a sword swallower this for 20 years, how did you learn to do this? And, I kid you not, he was a juggler and he found out the sword swallower in the show was earning twice his salary. He decided he was going to learn to do it. He walked into an army surplus store, took a sword off the wall and shoved it down his throat.

"He hurt himself, but realized what the trick was right away, and said, 'Hey I can do this.'"

Sword swallowing is one of the believable — even though you may be taken aback by it — facts included in Ripley's Believe It Or Not! Eye-Popping Oddities, the 12th and newest in a series that examines some of the odd, unusual and unbelievable.

Eye-Popping Oddities is the 12th book in the Ripley's Believe it Or Not! series. LIZ BEDDALL/METRO

"It's human curiosity, in a nutshell" Meyer says of Ripley's appeal. As the archivist, he takes care of the more than 35,000 exhibits in the entertainment chain's 32 "odditoriums" around the world, more than 50,000 photographs, and the 120,000 cartoons from its 98-years (and counting) of newspaper-syndicated columns.

"People want to know about the rest of the world and their place in it. And, if they are odd or eccentric, they want to think they have a big place in it, and that 15 minutes of fame that Andy (Warhol) promised everybody is a big motivator."

Many of the things you will find in the book, including a young woman who can lift a washing machine by her hair while hanging upside down, are submitted by the public. It's a tradition which began with Robert Ripley, who created his first Believe It or Not! cartoon for The New York Globe in 1918.

"He realized that people were his greatest source of information," says Meyer. "He said give me your stuff and I will make you famous, that is what it boils down to."

TOO WEIRD EVEN FOR RIPLEY'S

Editor's pick
Meyer's favourite picture in the book is from 1931 and features an animal trainer, who goes by the nickname "Cheerful," hanging from an elephant's mouth like a human pendulum.

"The faith in his training skills that this elephant isn't going to crush him, isn't going to sneeze on him or inhale him, or anything else, is mind blowing."

What readers want
While every book Ripley's puts out is different, Meyer says every edition includes a chapter on food.

"I don't get it," he says. "I've probably eaten more weird food than anybody else you will ever meet, but I don't like looking at pictures of weird foods. Give me the duck head, and I will try it, but I don't need to stare at it."

What you won't find
If it's 100 per cent true, Ripley's wants it. But, there are some things they won't touch, says Meyer.

"We shy away from nudity — totally away from pornography. We aren't really keen on aliens or 'witchcraft.' If you can't prove it — that doesn't mean we aren't interested in it — but if you can't prove it, we are not going to put our name on it." DEAN LISK/METRO

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ANGEL CATBIRD

Margaret Atwood pens her first graphic novel

Venerable Canadian novelist Margaret Atwood is expanding her repertoire in an unlikely direction as the author of a three-part superhero graphic novel.

Atwood will write the series entitled Angel Catbird for Dark Horse Comics, which is celebrating its 30th anniversary next year.

Atwood contacted the publication — based in Milwaukie, Ore. — on the advice of Hope Nicholson, who recently ran a successful Kickstarter campaign to create The Secret Loves of Geek Girls. Atwood contributed some original comic drawings to that all-female non-fiction anthology.

> **There will be something for everyone and a lot of cat puns too**
> Editor Daniel Chabon

"Margaret brought her project to Dark Horse and we talked about it and we're very, very excited and quickly got it approved (by) her and started working on it," editor Daniel Chabon said.

"There'll be an antagonist in the story and a love interest. There'll be something different for everyone and a lot of cat puns, too. It's fantastic," Chabon said.

"This is a great book to add to our line. Of course if it does well, we'd like to do more," Chabon added.

The series will be illustrated by another Canadian, Vancouver-based artist Johnnie Christmas, with the first part set for release in September 2016.

Chabon acknowledged the challenge of working with an author of Atwood's calibre.

"It's funny because (Atwood) has been writing forever so it's a little intimidating sometimes to try to give her notes and stuff like that. It's like, 'how on Earth am I going to give notes to Margaret Atwood?'" Chabon said.

"But she (Atwood) is very receptive to notes. It's been a pleasure so far being able to work with her," he added. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

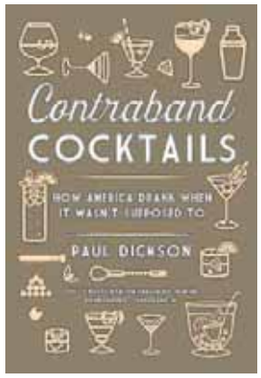
PULP INSPIRED
Editor Daniel Chabon described the project as "a pulp-inspired superhero story," about a scientist whose DNA becomes fused with an owl and a cat.

3 PICKS FOR THE BOOK LOVERS ON YOUR LIST

Everyone knows the best gifts are the ones that are thoughtful and a wink to the gift recipient's personality. Forget those generic gift cards and go for one of these fun books. Whether you're looking for something for your office Secret Santa party, for the guy or girl you're kind of into, or for your best friend, you're sure to win some points with one of these picks. EMILY LAURENCE FOR METRO

1 Contraband Cocktails by Paul Dickson

Give your favourite drinking buddy a recipe book for cocktails made popular during Prohibition. Just because consuming alcohol was illegal didn't stop people from drinking; there were over 32,000 speakeasies in New York City alone. Author Paul Dickson serves up some fascinating history and photographs of the Prohibition Era, and lots of recipes to keep you warm through the winter.

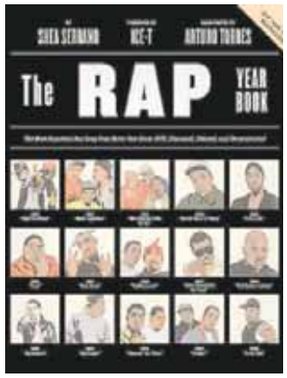


2 Picador Modern Classics

These pocket-sized titles are stunning, and even though they're tiny, the font isn't ridiculously small or hard to read. Books as good as Jeffrey Eugenides' The Virgin Suicides and Housekeeping by Marilynne Robinson.

3 The Rap Year Book by Shea Serrano

This new book highlights the pivotal moments in rap from the past 36 years. Biggie, Tupac, Sugarhill Gang, Drake — they're all in here. And with an intro by Ice-T, colorful pages packed with quizzes, lyric maps, artist portraits and infographics, it's way cooler than any history book you've ever seen.



BOOK BRIEFS

Nonfiction prize long list announced

Twelve titles have made the long list for the 2016 RBC Taylor Prize for nonfiction, including one by a former winner and another that's already won a major award.

Toronto journalist Ian Brown, who won the $25,000 Taylor prize in 2010 for his memoir The Boy in the Moon: A Father's Search for His Disabled Son, made the cut this time for Sixty: The Beginning of the End, or the End of the Beginning? (Random House Canada). Also on the list is Stalin's Daughter: The Extraordinary and Tumultuous Life of Svetlana Alliluyeva (HarperCollins Publishers) by Toronto's Rosemary Sullivan, which won the $60,000 Hilary Weston Writers' Trust Prize for Nonfiction in October.

Another title on the list is Road Trip Rwanda: A Journey Into the New Heart of Africa (Viking Canada) by Calgary's Will Ferguson, who won the 2012 Scotiabank Giller Prize for his novel 419.

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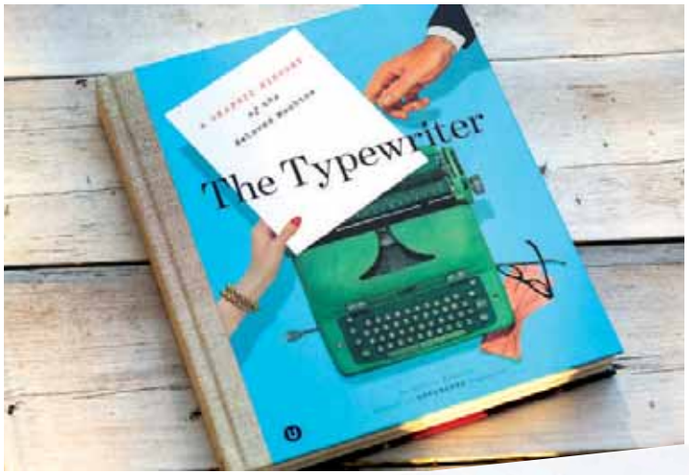

Just my type

The Typewriter: A Graphic History of the Beloved Machine (UPPERCASE publishing) is filled with facts, photos, illustrations and advertisements that illuminate a subject which is occasionally provocative and unexpectedly fascinating. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Typewriting Protocol (pullout book)

The handbook, entitled How to be a super-secretary, offers a range of etiquette tips and ideas for working women that is rife with sexist language and is frequently hilarious. For example, on appropriate dress for the office, ladies should find the balance between "ultra-extreme" and "over casual" and avoid elaborate makeup and hair styles. A two-page quiz encourages secretaries to rate their performance in 13 categories and then to check it again six months later. An extensive list of boss pet peeves includes admonitions against "chewing gum" and "swearing (this should be the boss's privilege)."

Keyboard basics

One of the earliest examples of a typewriter keyboard shows a design that competed with and eventually prevailed over rival designs to become the standard for typewriter and computer keyboards in the modern era. Note that in the interest of economy, the keyboard in the picture does not include a key for the number 1, instead relying on uppercase I or a lowercase l. Other machines at the time omitted the numbers 1 and 0 for the same reason.

Early advertisements

As women began to enter the workforce in ever greater numbers, an array of post cards from the early 20th century demonstrate the issue of office romance in ways ranging from gently humorous to downright lecherous. The underlying message is that men are in charge in the workplace and may or may not take liberties while women may be objects of attraction but are always subordinate.

Origins of the office pool

A lantern slide shows a typical scene in a secretarial pool busily working away in a crowded office space in Vienna circa 1910. Note that the women are all well covered in the conservative dress of the day and wear their hair pinned up. The slide has been hand-painted to add colour to their cheeks. This is the stereotypical example of secretaries with demure smiles and fashionable dress.

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CANADA'S TOP TEN FILM FESTIVAL

Youth a big theme at fest

The majority of the Canadian movies picked for Canada's Top Ten Film Festival feature a youthful perspective.

Guantanamo's Child: Omar Khadr, by Patrick Reed and the Toronto Star's Michelle Shephard; Patricia Rozema's Into the Forest, starring Ellen Page and Evan Rachel Wood, and Andrew Cividino's Sleeping Giant are among the seven films on the list that focus on young protagonists.

In the case of Alan Zweig's HURT, about Steve Fonyo's tumultuous life in the 30 years since his 1985 cancer fundraising run across Canada at age 19, the documentary forms a disturbing story of a tarnished legacy.

"The future is really bright for Canadian cinema," said TIFF artistic director Cameron Bailey. "For anyone who's looking to see what's going on right now in Canadian movies, I think I would look to young people."

Bailey noted that Sleeping Giant and Closet Monster are both by first-time feature filmmakers.

"We always want a lot more young people to watch Canadian films," Bailey added. "If this helps, then that's great."

The Top 10 features, shorts and student shorts for 2015 were chosen by panels of filmmakers.

"The shorts, I think, are certainly some of the best films we've got on our list this year and certainly some of the best films that have been made in this country this year," said Bailey.

Rounding out the Top 10 feature list is Anne Émond's Les êtres chers (Our Loved Ones), Guy Maddin and Evan Johnson's The Forbidden Room and Philippe Falardeau's My Internship in Canada.

The festival runs Jan. 8 to 17, 2016 in Toronto, with select screenings also scheduled in Edmonton, Calgary, Winnipeg, Halifax and Ottawa.

For a full list of Top 10 films and screening schedules, go to tiff.net.

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A wave of kidnappings of young boys shocks Montreal in Philippe Lesage's The Demons (Les demons). CONTRIBUTED

JOHANNA SCHNELLER WHAT I'M WATCHING

Peak Meta has arrived on the small screen

THE GRINDER, SEASON ONE, EPISODE THREE (CITY/FOX)

The Sanderson family — put-upon lawyer Stewart (Fred Savage), his wife Debbie (Mary Elizabeth Ellis), his brusque dad Dean Sr. (William Devane), and his heartthrob ex-TV-star brother Dean Jr. (Rob Lowe) are discussing Ray Donovan. (That's Ray Donovan the real TV series, which airs on a rival network, Showtime.)

This entire Grinder episode has revolved around someone erasing Ray Donovan from the family PVR. The words "Ray Donovan" have been uttered six times. Finally, they're watching the show. "Who's that?" Dean Sr. asks. "Ray Donovan!" the others holler.

Welcome to Peak Meta. The Grinder is the name of this show. It's also the name of the show-within-the-show that Dean Jr. starred in (and the name of his character).

It's a prodigal son story: To Stewart's eternal exasperation, people take Dean Jr. seriously as a lawyer simply because he played one on TV. The power and ubiquity of TV are referred to constantly. And of course, all four actors are known from now-iconic series The Wonder Years (Savage), The West Wing (Lowe), It's Always Sunny in Philadelphia (Ellis) and Knot's Landing (Devane).

Not long ago, meta-TV was an erudite concept found only on haute-cable shows. (Who remembers the telefilm The Positively True Adventures of the Alleged Texas Cheerleader-Murdering Mom, which made HBO hip in 1993?) Today it's as dated as the viewers who dived out of the way when they first saw Lumiere's train movie. Now that we barely exist off screen, meta is a sitcom punchline, the TV equivalent of Normcore.

The power of TV is constantly referred to on The Grinder. HANDOUT

Johanna Schneller is a media connoisseur who zeroes in on pop-culture moments. She appears Monday through Thursday.

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GOSSIP BRIEFS

Dad on the dating market

One Direction member Louis Tomlinson tried — and apparently failed — to make things work with girlfriend Briana Jungwirth, but he's since broken up with her, according to Life & Style. Oh, and Jungwirth is due to give birth to his kid next month.

"He dumped her," a source says, adding that the pregnant makeup artist didn't see it coming. "They had been trying to work things out the past few weeks during his One Direction tour. He even introduced Briana to his mom."

Maybe that didn't go so well? Anyway, lest he be labeled a complete wanker, Tomlinson has "promised to love and support their child financially." NED EHRBAR/METRO

Justin Bieber's Instagram crush

Justin Bieber shared an image of a mystery girl on his Instagram with the caption "Who is this!!" — which was quickly answered by his fans who, much like the flying monkeys of the Wicked Witch of the West, set out to fetch the account info of the girl for Bieber. Turns out she's a 17-year-old from Spain named Cindy Kimberly, according to BuzzFeed.

"I so do not know how to deal with this," Kimberly wrote in an Instagram post. Bieber, likely scared off by the fact that his Instagram crush is only 17, carried on with his life (posting pictures of his Playboy bunny-themed pants, and a car). MATTHEW LEE/METRO

Halle Berry is in a good place

So how is Halle Berry doing since her split from husband Olivier Martinez? Funny you should ask.

Less than two months after filing for divorce, Berry "is in a very peaceful and happy place at this time" and is dating "here and there," according to E! News.

She hasn't gotten into another relationship since her breakup but she has been talking to a few people very lightly and going out when she has time. She enjoys being single and doing her own thing." NED EHRBAR/METRO

MUSIC

Only copy of Wu Tang album goes unplayed

> **I could be convinced to listen to it earlier if Taylor Swift wants to hear it or something like that.**
> Martin Shkreli

Obviously there was no chance any of us were going to be the eventual owner of Once Upon a Time in Shaolin, Wu Tang Clan's new album for which they only made one physical copy, but I didn't expect this.

The new owner is Martin Shkreli, the pharmaceutical CEO who rose to infamy earlier this year for jacking up the price of an AIDS medication to $750 a pill.

And what's even worse? He apparently hasn't even listened to it yet, as he's saving it for when he needs a pick-me-up.

"I could be convinced to listen to it earlier if Taylor Swift wants to hear it or something like that," Shkreli says, according to Bloomberg. "But for now, I think I'm going to kind of save it for a rainy day."

You monster. NED EHRBAR/METRO

Trudeau: Political pinup romances Vogue readers

PUBLISHING

Sure the pics are sexy, but they could be even steamier

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Justin Trudeau Is the New Young Face of Canadian Politics

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Trudeau's wife, Sophie Grégoire-Trudeau (in an Oscar de la Renta dress), says of their first date, "At the end of dinner he said, 'I'm 31 years old, and I've bee...

PHOTO CREDITS: SCREENSHOTS FROM VOGUE.COM/FACEBOOK/PINTEREST

So Vogue has gone and included newly minted Prime Minister Justin Trudeau in its January 2016 issue, along with a striking portrait photo by Norman Jean Roy that dolls him up like an old Hollywood star. A sexy embrace with his wife, Sophie Grégoire-Trudeau, is also captured by Roy. In Canada, the photos and articles were widely shared on social media (pictured).

Now, discussions of Trudeau's looks are nothing new, but this feels like a whole new level. But did we miss a major opportunity? Imagine, for a moment, that Vogue had gone with their usual shooter for all things easy on the eyes, Annie Liebowitz.

We could've maybe had something like her infamous photo shoot with Miley Cyrus for Vanity Fair.

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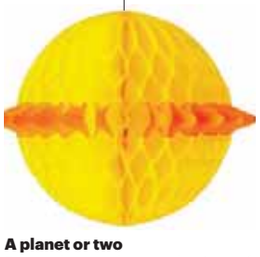

A planet or two
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A beaded astronaut
Who said that space explorers lacked style? Not the Conran Shop, which has dressed its astronaut in beads. (10 pounds/$21 CDN)

A Star Wars tree
Star Wars is everywhere, in store windows, on TV, and even on your Christmas tree. You'll have to choose between the light side of the Force with this handsome Yoda in resin from Walmart, or the dark side with the shadowy Darth Vader. ($7.47 US/$10 CDN each)

Some festive robots
We can't have a space theme without a robot. These cute ones are multi-coloured and sparkly. ($21.50 US/$29 CDN for a set of three from Paper Chase)

A starry sky
And lastly let's not forget the star, which decorates our tree, but is also a celestial body floating in space. ($3 US/$4 CDN from Paper Chase) AFP

Tudor-style elegance surrounded by nature

Project overview

Now in its final phase, Origins at Cranston offers home owners contemporary living in a scenic setting. Already 30 per cent sold, these apartment-style condos by Streetside Developments will host 68 homes, providing an affordable alternative to urban life in this blossoming community.

Amenities

The stylish spaces at Origins feature large bedrooms, private balconies and an eating bar perfect for entertaining. Done in Tudor-style architecture, each Origins home has an air of elegance with professionally landscaped yards and top-of-the-line appliances.

Location and transit

Located in Calgary's sought-after southeast, Origins is perfect for families and nature lovers with its close proximity to Fish Creek Provincial Park. Commuters have easy access to Deerfoot Trail and Highway 201, and transit users don't have far to go to reach various bus routes and C-Train stops.

In the neighbourhood

Between the beautiful Bow River and Fish Creek Park, Origins residents have more than 100 km of nature trails in the area to enjoy. Food, business and retail amenities are also close at hand with the developing South Urban District and completed South Health Campus. ANNA BROOKS/FOR METRO

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The Habs placed winger Alexander Semin on unconditional waivers Wednesday for the purposes of mutually terminating his contract

NHL

Bruins hand Habs their third straight loss

Loui Eriksson and Landon Ferraro scored less than a minute apart in the third period as the Boston Bruins came from behind to beat the Montreal Canadiens 3-1 on Wednesday.

Patrice Bergeron also scored for the Bruins (15-9-3) in the third while Tuukka Rask made 32 saves for his 10th victory of the season.

Paul Byron scored for the Canadiens (19-7-3) in the first period. Mike Condon stopped 20 of 23 shots in defeat.

Montreal has now lost three consecutive games for the first this season.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Oilers place defenceman Fayne on waivers

The Edmonton Oilers have placed defenceman Mark Fayne on waivers.

The defenceman would be sent to the American Hockey League's Bakersfield Condors if he clears.

Mark Fayne
GETTY IMAGES FILE

Fayne is in the second season of a $14.5-million US, four-year contract that carries a $3.625-million cap hit. He has just one assist in 24 games this season for the Oilers, who are tied for the fewest points in the NHL.

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Hudler too good to let go

THE HOCKEY NEWS
Brian Costello
FOR METRO

Jiri Hudler hasn't had the type of offensive season he did last year when he finished eighth in league scoring. But he is on pace for a better than career-average 54 points and fans shouldn't be so quick to hold the exit door open for him when his contract expires in a few months.

Top-six wingers are very hard to come by on the open market and when they do come up for auction, you have to overpay to beat out the competition. And top-six wingers are virtually impossible to acquire on the trade front, unless you're willing to part with a top-four defender or a first-round draft pick.

That's why the Calgary Flames should do everything in their power to keep Hudler in the fold. His attributes are many:

• His skill level is as high or higher than most of Calgary's impressive young core. He sets a good veteran example for them and is popular in the dressing room.

• Hudler was largely responsible for smoothing the learning curve of Johnny Gaudreau last season and is now working well with Sam Bennett and Markus Granlund. That's invaluable and not part of David Jones' repertoire.

• The former Detroit Red Wings Cup winner knows what it takes to win and is driven to win. That's infectious.

Hudler is in the final year of a four-year deal that pays him $4 million annually. It will probably take $6 million to keep him around in an environment he's comfortable and happy. Right now that's not affordable assuming RFAs Gaudreau and Sean Monahan will probably command about $13 million a year combined on their new deals.

And whomever Calgary signs in the crease will be at least $4 million.

But keep in mind the Flames have six players with contracts for next season who are vastly overpaid — Dennis Wideman, Ladislav Smid, Mason Raymond, Matt Stajan, Deryk Engelland and Brandon Bollig. Expect at least two, maybe three of those to be moved elsewhere, either in a trade, the minors or buyout. That will win back another $5 to $10 million.

Naysayers of Hudler claim he's going on 32 with his best seasons behind him.

While it's true that prudent teams should no longer pay players for what they did in the past, it's also wise to realize that some players still have a lot to give.

Jiri Hudler racked up a career-high 76 points last season.
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CORSI

Calgary's Corsi percentage (number of shots directed toward the opposition net versus total number of shots directed at both nets) is no longer in the bottom three. It's not even in the bottom third. Calgary was 28th last season at 44.5.

1.	Los Angeles	57.3%
2.	Nashville	55.0%
20.	Calgary	48.6%
29.	N.Y. Rangers	46.0%
30.	Colorado	44.1%

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Raptors' Patrick Patterson bumps Spurs' Jonathon Simmons in NBA play Wednesday. NATHAN DENETTE/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Jump-start jolts Raptors

NBA

Dinos ride strong 1st Q to beat league's 2nd-best team

WEDNESDAY in Toronto

97	94
RAPTORS	SPURS

The Toronto Raptors finally got the strong start they've been looking for — and it paid off in a victory over one of the NBA's top teams.

DeMar DeRozan poured in 28 points to lead the Raptors to a 97-94 victory over the San Antonio Spurs on Wednesday.

Kyle Lowry had 19 points and eight assists, Luis Scola had 16 points and eight rebounds, while Bismack Biyombo had 10 points and seven boards. Patrick Patterson also chipped in with 10 points for Toronto (14-9).

Manu Ginobili led the Spurs (18-5) with 17 points, while LaMarcus Aldridge had 13, and David West finished with 10.

The Raptors have been frustratingly slow and sloppy out of the gate. Coach Dwane Casey had even talked about switching up the starting lineup.

They finally showed what a decent first quarter can do, sprinting out to an 11-point lead, and continued to hold their own, taking a 73-62 lead into the fourth quarter in front of a capacity Air Canada Centre crowd of 19,800.

The Spurs, second in the NBA to only the undefeated Golden State Warriors, came to life in the fourth. Danny Green drained a three-pointer that circled the rim before dropping; it put San Antonio within three points with 2:47 to play.

A floating jumper by DeRozan — with two Spurs draped on him — had Toronto up by five with under a minute to play. A Green bucket made it a three-point game with 29 seconds left, then DeRozan grabbed a huge rebound with eight seconds left.

The night marked Cory Joseph's first meeting against his former team since he signed with the Raptors last summer. THE CANADIAN PRESS

MLB IN BRIEF

Lawrie dealt to ChiSox
The Oakland Athletics have traded third baseman Brett Lawrie of Langley, B.C., to the Chicago White Sox for right-hander J.B. Wendelken and minor-league left-hander Zack Erwin.

Lawrie hit .260 with career highs of 16 homers and 60 RBIs in his lone season for the A's. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Mariners trade for Lind
The Seattle Mariners acquired first baseman Adam Lind from the Milwaukee Brewers in a trade announced Wednesday at the winter meetings.

The Brewers are getting right-handers Daniel Missaki, Carlos Herrera and Freddy Peralta. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

FOOTBALL

Three Stamps named to CFL all-star team

The Calgary Stampeders placed three players on the CFL all-star team, it was announced Wednesday.

Receiver Eric Rogers, guard Spencer Wilson and kicker Rene Paredes all were named to the squad.

The B.C. Lions, Edmonton Eskimos and Hamilton Tiger-Cats led all teams with five selections apiece to the roster.

Receivers Adarius Bowman and Derel Walker from the Grey Cup champion Eskimos were honoured, along with defensive tackle Almondo Sewell, cornerback John Ojo and defensive back Aaron Grymes.

Lions offensive tackle Jovan Olafioye earned his fifth career CFL all-star team selection. Other B.C. players included linebacker Adam Bighill, running back Andrew Harris, receiver Emmanuel Arceneaux and punter Richie Leone.

Defensive players led the way for the Tiger-Cats. Defensive tackle Ted Laurent, linebacker Simoni Lawrence and defensive backs Emanuel Davis and Craig Butler were named to the roster along with kick returner Brandon Banks.

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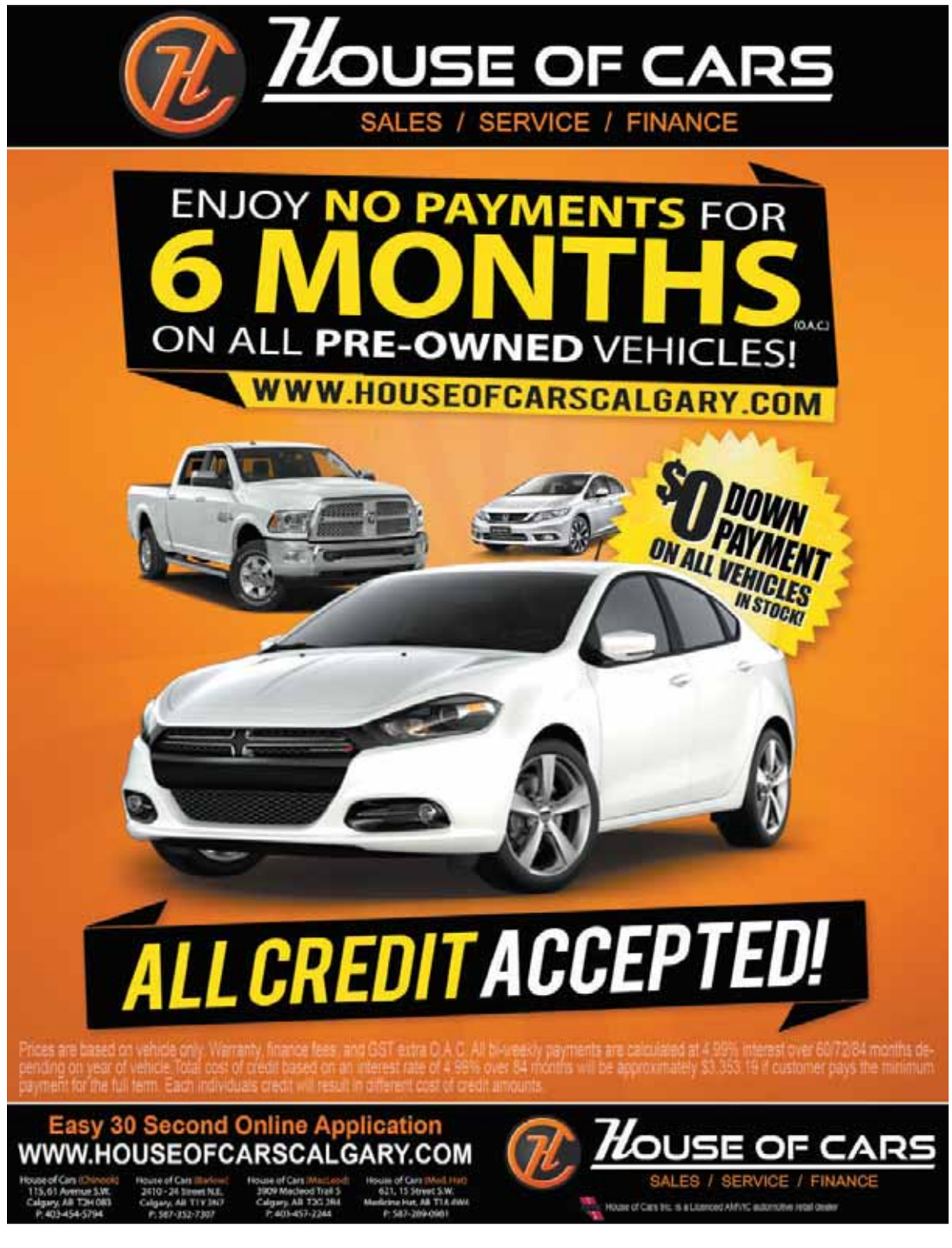
Number of Lions, Ticats and Eskimos on the team.

Ottawa's Henry Burris, the league's most outstanding player, was one of four Redblacks to make the team. The Montreal Alouettes and the Stampeders were next with three selections apiece.

The Saskatchewan Roughriders and Winnipeg Blue Bombers had one selection each. The Toronto Argonauts did not have a league all-star this season. THE CANADIAN PRESS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RECIPE Baked Fried Chicken

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Ceri Marsh & Laura Keogh
For Metro Canada

All the crunch of fried chicken but with much less fat in the final dish, this baked recipe is sure to become part of your regular roster!

Ready in
Prep time: 60 minutes
Serves 4 to 6

Ingredients
- 1/4 cup buttermilk (or add a tsp of vinegar to regular milk and let it sit for 15 minutes)
- 1 garlic clove, minced
- 8 or 9 chicken pieces (thighs and drumsticks)
- 1 1/2 cups whole wheat bread crumbs
- 2 Tbsp fresh thyme
- 1 1/2 tsp lemon zest
- Salt and pepper to taste

Directions
1. Combine the buttermilk and garlic together in a shallow pan container. Coat the chicken pieces thoroughly and cover with plastic wrap. Place in the fridge to marinate for a half an hour or up to over night. Turn the chicken pieces over at least once while marinating.
2. Preheat the oven to 400 F.
3. Mix bread crumbs in a bowl together with the thyme, zest and salt and pepper.
4. Dredge chicken pieces in the bread crumb mixture and place them on a baking sheet. Press bread crumbs onto the meat if some falls off.
5. Bake for 30 to 40 minutes until the outside of the chicken is deeply golden and the meat is cooked through.

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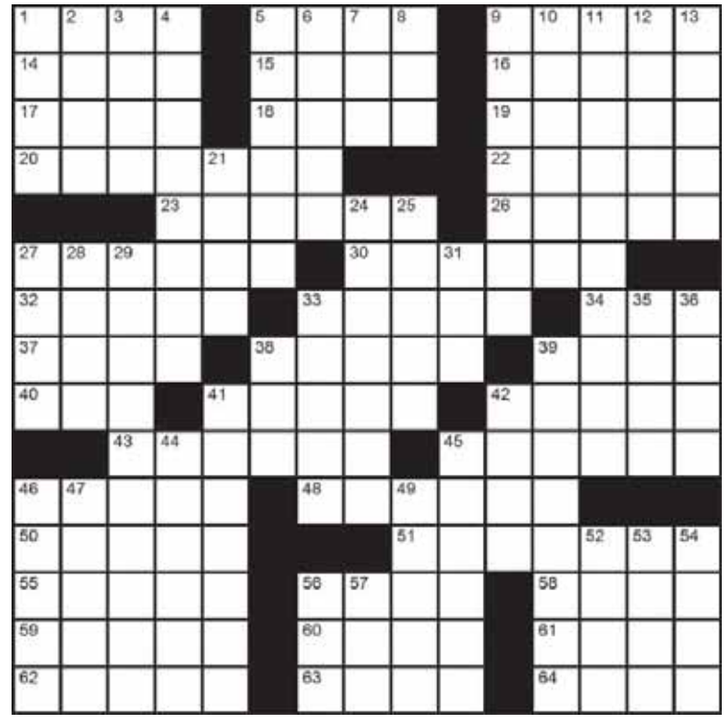
CROSSWORD Canada Across and Down

BY KELLY ANN BUCHANAN



ACROSS
1. Take a genetic sample
5. Rick Danko group, The __
9. Verity
14. Fork prong
15. Comic strip dog
16. Artwork like the original, informally
17. Famous volcano
18. Canadian pop crooner Mr. Forbes (More at #30-Across)
19. Masterpiece-maker's mount
20. Alberta village 45 minutes from Edmonton
22. Geared for rocking
23. Gorges
26. Feats
27. "Angel Eyes" singer Jeff
30. New debut album by #18-Across: '__ Woulda Shoulda'
32. Oscars gr.
33. Awestruck in facial expression
34. Gear
37. Purr alternative
38. Hears, like herald angels
39. Neat
40. "The A-Team" star, __. _
41. Cougars
42. Giver
43. Soldier's uniform part
45. YouTube owner
46. Greek alphabet's 8th letter
48. Short __ (Curt brush-off)
50. Type of mil. mission
51. Away from, say, the manufacturing plant
55. Expect
56. Edge
58. Thought
59. "Wuthering Heights" (1939) star Ms. Oberon
60. Mr. Diggs
61. Tree varieties
62. Crowbar user, say
63. Vesper __, "Casino Royale" (2006) character
64. Seven, in Sherbrooke

DOWN
1. Editor's 'let it stand'
2. "I'm __ You": Avril Lavigne hit
3. 'A' in AD
4. Almond paste is an ingredient in this 'wild' pastry: 2 wds.
5. Furniture retailer with stores across Canada
6. All in _ __ work
7. Puny parasite
8. Private Investigator, e.g.
9. Vintage sewing machine foot peddle
10. Squeezed the orange on the kitchen gadget
11. It's when the talker talks as if everything is a question?
12. Forested
13. Carries
21. "__ Leaving Home" by The Beatles
24. Mark __: Shania Twain duettist on "Party for Two"
25. Drenches
27. Jon of "Mad Men"
28. 'E' of ER, briefly
29. Glass __ jars (Cotton ball holders, perhaps)
31. Parcel delivery co.
33. Willie of "Eight Is Enough"
35. Seacrest's show, split
36. Car wheel, British-spelling style
38. Buzz
39. Canadian footwear brand since the 1940s, Tender __
41. Horticultural holder
42. Politely tip one's hat
44. Star: French
45. Talented
46. The __, Charlie Chaplin's persona
47. Woodcutter
49. __-Noranda, Quebec
52. Laze
53. Office helper, commonly
54. The Middle __
56. Ocean, e.g.
57. James __ (Canadian body of water)

IT'S ALL IN THE STARS by Sally Brompton

Aries March 21 - April 20
Put all doubts and fears out of your mind and do what you think is best. You have a clear picture of what needs to be done and the courage to make it happen. Don't hesitate.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
As communications planet Mercury moves in your favour today you won't be in the least bit shy or tongue-tied. Let others know what it is you need and they will give it.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
If you need to make a new start now is the time to speak up and let others know what it is you intend to do — and that your intentions are serious. But don't get so serious that you forget how to have fun.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
You know that you have what it takes to succeed but others may need some convincing. You'll find it easier to persuade colleagues and employers, just remember that actions count more than words.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
Go your own way and do your own thing. And don't worry about others — the best way to win them over is to act like their approval means nothing to you.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Someone will deliver unexpected news today but you should have seen it coming. No matter how much it might upset you just accept it and move on. What else can you do?

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
There is someone you should be seeing more of and this is the ideal time to ring them up and arrange to get together again. Don't drift apart so easily in future.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
You have overlooked a small but important detail and the effects of that oversight will become apparent. Do not blame others for your failure. Be big enough to own your mistakes.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
For too long you've kept your aims and ambitions to yourself — let everyone know what you want and what you're doing to get it. Most people will be supportive. The few who are not you can safely ignore.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
The doubts and fears of the past few weeks will fade away today as Mercury moves into your sign. The things you have been most anxious about will turn out to be the things you had least to fear.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Put principle before profit and don't worry if you seem to be the only one who cares. Others do care but few get as emotionally involved as you.

Pisces Feb. 20 - March 20
Difficult choices concerning your career will have to be made but don't do anything before you have consulted people you trust. It could be they can suggest less painful ways of making the changes you need.

CONCEPTIS SUDOKU by Dave Green

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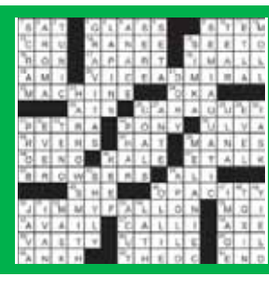

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